



Wisconsin - Farm Numbers

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Wisconsin Farm Numbers Unchanged from 2009

The number of farms in Wisconsin in 2010 was 78,000. This was unchanged from the previous year. Total land in farms also remained unchanged from 2009, at 15.2 million acres. Average farm size remained at 195 acres.

By economic size group in Wisconsin, the two highest sales classes and one of the middle sales classes increased in number of farms from 2009, while the number of farms in the lowest sales class and those with sales of \$100,000-\$249,999 decreased. In 2010 the number of farms in the highest sales class, with sales of \$500,000 or more, increased by 300 farms, to 4,100. The number of farms in the second highest sales class, with sales of \$250,000-\$499,999, increased by 200 farms, to 5,700. The third increase was by 400 farms in the \$10,000-\$99,999 sales class, to 20,900 farms. In 2010 there were 38,300 farms in the lowest sales class, a decrease of 500 from the previous year, while the number of farms in the \$100,000-\$249,999 sales class decreased by 400, to 9,000 farms.

The number of farms in the U.S. in 2010, at 2.20 million, was virtually unchanged from 2009. Total land in farms, at 920.0 million acres, increased 100 thousand acres from 2009. The average farm size in the U.S. was 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

Nationally, farm numbers increased slightly in the \$1,000-\$9,999 and \$500,000 and over sales classes. In the \$1,000-\$9,999 sales class, farm numbers increased 0.1 percent, to 1.23 million farms. The number of farms with sales of \$500,000 or more increased by 1.6 percent, to 126,720 farms. Higher commodity prices and larger value of sales contributed to changes in the number of farms within these sales classes.

The North Central region is made up of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. This region held 37 percent of all U.S. farms and was second to the South in total number of farms.

A farm is "any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year." Government payments are included in sales. Ranches, institutional farms, experimental and research farms, and Indian Reservations are included as farms. Places where the entire acreage is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), or other government programs are counted as farms.

FARMS BY ECONOMIC SALES CLASS: Wisconsin, 2009- 2010

Economic class gross value of sales	Number of farms		Land in farms		Average size Of farms	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Number		Thousand acres		Acres	
\$1,000-\$9,999	38,800	38,300	2,400	2,400	62	63
\$10,000-\$99,999	20,500	20,900	3,200	3,200	156	153
\$100,000-\$249,999	9,400	9,000	2,700	2,500	287	278
\$250,000-\$499,999	5,500	5,700	2,800	2,800	509	491
\$500,000 & over	3,800	4,100	4,100	4,300	1,079	1,049
Total	78,000	78,000	15,200	15,200	195	195

Source: USDA, NASS, WIFO